

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: Fiscal Review Committee Staff

DATE: March 12, 2003

SUBJECT: **SB 676**

This bill, if enacted, will authorize a pilot demonstration project on student peer mediation to alleviate violence in the schools. The project will be conducted in four selected schools within the Memphis city school system.

The pilot project shall incorporate lectures, open discussions, videotapes, and role playing. Teachers and administrators shall receive additional training in how to implement the peer mediation process on a continuing basis. Students shall be instructed on the use of peer mediation to resolve conflicts in their schools with the support of teachers and staff. Funding for this pilot project will be subject to appropriations for that purpose in the general appropriation bill.

The Commissioner of Education shall report to the governor and the general assembly by January 1, 1997 concerning findings and recommendations relative to the pilot demonstration project.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$10,700 based on the assumption that the state will be required to fund the pilot project.

The cost to implement a statewide program will approximate \$4 million.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Fiscal Review Committee Staff